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The following comments are in response to the office action dated 04/29/2008.

The applicant thanks Examiner Dicus for her time and for allowing an interview with the Examiner and Examiner Bruce Hess on 07/22/2008 and for a copy of the Interview Summary

10 wherein the Office agreed to withdraw the rejections of record. Additionally, the Examiner has stated she will reconsider the presently amended claims. The amended method claim 26 can be rejoined if upon an updated search the article claims are found allowable.

Claims

15 Claim 1 is currently amended based on the foregoing distinctions, the pre-bonded pavement marking pattern of the present application wherein a grid section and an insert section are *preassembled into a unified pattern* apart from a surface and sprayed with a hot melt adhesive that bonds the grid section and insert section together *to enable handling, movement, transportation and application of the pavement marking pattern* to the surface

20 in which it is to be permanently adhered to and heated to a preferred temperature to permanently attach the pavement marking pattern to the surface noting that this is distinctly different than the pattern that must be moved in individual sections as claimed by Nakazawa.

Claim 26 has been duly amended to properly claim the method of making the pre-bonded

25 pavement marking pattern of the present application.